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The State of Arkansas today announced an additional extension of special tax filing and payment relief for taxpayers in the Presidential Disaster Areas struck by Hurricane Katrina. Taxpayers in the disaster areas initially received an extension until Oct. 31, 2005, to file state income and excise tax returns and submit tax payments for tax returns and payments due on August 29th or after. The revised extended deadline for filing and paying taxes that were due on Aug. 29 or after has been further extended to Jan. 3, 2006. This includes filing the Sept. 15 estimated declaration, individual tax returns that had been extended to Oct. 15, and corporate returns for calendar year taxpayers that had an extension to file.

The Governor wants to assure the victims, families and others affected by the devastation from Hurricane Katrina that he and the Arkansas Revenue Division will do everything possible to provide administrative tax relief. Just as importantly, the Governor and Revenue Division will work to minimize the complication of tax issues during this difficult time.

This relief extends to taxpayers in the following areas:

- 64 Louisiana parishes: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, Desoto, East Baton Rouge, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, LaSalle, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Pointe Coupee, Plaquemines, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Landry, St. Mary, St. Martin, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Carroll, West Feliciana and Winn;
- 52 Mississippi counties: Adams, Amite, Attala, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Claiborne, Clarke, Clay, Copiah, Covington, Forrest, Franklin, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Itawamba, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Kemper, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lee, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Stone, Walthall, Warren, Wayne, Webster, Wilkinson, and Winston;
- Six Alabama counties: Baldwin, Clarke, Choctaw, Mobile, Sumter and Washington; and
- Three Florida counties: Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe.